Date Mailed September 4, 2001

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, as an Electric Public Utility for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

5110-ER-103

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC HEARING

Telephonic Hearing Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2001 – 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Locations: Lake Superior Conference Room – 2nd Floor, Public Service

Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

Board Room, River Falls Municipal Utilities, 125 East Elm

Street, River Falls, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application dated June 7, 2001, of the city of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, (applicant or River Falls), as an electric public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase electric rates.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in River Falls Municipal Utilities, 125 East Elm Street, River Falls, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 425-0906 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

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The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Please contact David C. Whitcomb, Administrative Law Judge, at (608) 261-8522 for specific questions about the hearing process.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jerry Albrecht at (608) 267-5111.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
Lynda L. Dorr	
Secretary to the Commission	

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